

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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H.R. 521, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the "Lane Evans Post Office Building". Signed on March 15, 2007 (Public Law 110-12)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MARCH 16, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for the fiscal year 2008 for the Government Accountability Office, Government Printing Office, Congressional Budget Office, and the Office of Compliance, 10 a.m., SD-138.

House

Committee on Oversight and Reform, hearing on White House Procedures for Safeguarding Classified Information, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**Week of March 19 through March 24, 2007****Senate Chamber**

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., S. 214, Preserving United States Attorney Independence Act and consider certain amendments.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on final passage of S. 214, Preserving United States Attorney Independence Act, upon disposition of all amendments.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 21, to hold hearings to examine the performance of the United States trade and food aid programs for the 2007 Farm Bill, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: March 19, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the National Institutes of Health, 1 p.m., SH-216.

March 20, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 21, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year

2007 for the United States Air Force, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 21, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Energy, 2 p.m., SD-138.

March 21, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Federal Judiciary, 3 p.m., SD-192.

March 22, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for Military Construction, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 22, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up the Supplemental Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2007, 1 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: March 20, to receive testimony on the the United States Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

March 21, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to receive testimony on nuclear and strategic policy options, 10:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 21, to hold hearings to examine assessing the effectiveness of the current United States sanctions on Iran relating to minimizing potential threats from Iran, 9 a.m., SD-538.

March 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine causes and consequences relating to mortgage market turmoil, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 20, Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to continue hearings to examine economic and safety concerns relating to promoting travel to America (Part II), 10 a.m., SR-253.

March 20, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine energy innovation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

March 21, Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 22, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) modernization, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 20, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Stephen Jeffrey Isakowitz, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 20, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 126, to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, S. 257, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States of Washington and Oregon, S. 289, to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, S. 443, to establish the Sangre

de Cristo National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, S. 444, to establish the South Park National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, S. 500, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, DC, H.R. 512, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, DC, S. 637, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor in Alabama and Georgia, S. 817, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide additional authorizations for certain National Heritage Areas, and for other proposes; and S. Con. Res. 6, expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, should be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States", 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

March 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the "Future of Coal" report recently published by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 21, to hold hearings to examine Vice President Al Gore's perspective on global warming, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Finance: March 20, to receive testimony on identifying needs, partnerships, and resources relating to a competitive education, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 20, to hold hearings to examine Chad and the Central African Republic, focusing on the regional impact of the Darfur crisis, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 20, Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging, to hold hearings to examine the state of Alzheimer's disease research 100 years later, 10 a.m., SH-216.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine a review of treatment, diagnosis, and monitoring efforts, focusing on the long-term health impacts from September 11, 10 a.m., SH-216.

March 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ensuring safe medicines and medical devices for children, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 20, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to continue hearings to examine Medicare doctors who cheat on their taxes and efforts to address the problem, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine an overview of the Government Accountability Office Assistance to Congressional Oversight, focusing on past work and future challenges and opportunities, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine deconstructing reconstruction, focusing on problems,

challenges, and the way forward in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 22, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine a review of the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of the Special Counsel, focusing on the safeguarding of the merit systems principles in preparation for the consideration of the reauthorization of the two agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 22, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian housing, 9:45 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 20, to hold hearings to examine combating war profiteering, focusing on investigating and prosecuting contracting fraud and abuse in Iraq, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 20, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine monopoly or competition from new technologies relating to the XM-Sirius merger, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Inspector General's findings of the improper use of the National Security Letters by the Federal Bureau of Investigation relating to the misuse of the Patriot Act powers, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 21, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine recent developments involving the security of sensitive consumer information relating to identity theft and solutions for an evolving problem, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 20, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 22, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 21, Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review the USDA rural development programs and the agency's rural development proposal for the 2007 Farm Bill, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 19, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on OMB, 2 p.m., 2220 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Employment and Training Administration/Office of Job Corps/Veterans' Training/Vocational and Adult Education, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Select Intelligence Oversight, executive, on National Reconnaissance Office Budget, 5 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 20, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Research and Economics, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, 10 a.m., and on International

Trade Administration/Bureau of Industry and Security, 2 p.m., H-310 Capitol.

March 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy: Energy Supply and Conservation/Fossil Energy/Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Determining Critical Infrastructure and How To Protect It, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Interior and Environment, and Related Agencies, on National Endowment for the Humanities/National Endowment for the Arts, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Worker Protection Agencies, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Library of Congress: Future of Digital Libraries, 1:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

March 20, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Base Realignment and Closure, 9:30 a.m., and on VA Long-Term Health/Nursing Home Care, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 21, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on NOAA, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn, and on Department of Justice Overview, 2 p.m., H-310 Capitol.

March 21, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Federal Judiciary, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Enhancing Privacy and Civil Rights While Meeting Homeland Security Needs, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Holocaust Museum/National Gallery of Art/Commission on Fine Arts/National Capital Planning Commission/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses, 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 21, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on International Affairs Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, on Project-Based and Tenant-Based Section 8, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Conditions and Trends in Rural Communities, 10 a.m., and on Rural Development, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on Attorney General, 10 a.m., 2216 Rayburn, and on DEA/Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 2 p.m., H-310 Capitol.

March 22, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy: Nuclear Nonproliferation, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Minerals Management Service/Office of Surface Mining, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Library of Congress and Open World: Budget, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

March 22, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, on Army Budget, 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 22, Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, on FAA, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Kennedy Center/Woodrow Wilson Center/Presidio Trust/White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 20, to mark up the Wounded Warrior Assistance Act of 2007, 4:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Requests for military construction, family housing, base closures and facilities' operations and maintenance, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on U.S. shipyard modernization initiatives and ship cost reduction, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of Energy's atomic energy defense activities, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 21, full Committee, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. Strategic Command, Northern Command, Transportation Command, and Southern Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Department of Defense counterproliferation, counterterrorism, and science and technology priorities, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on Department of Defense Aircraft Programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 23, full Committee, hearing on the Second Report to Congress by the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request and the status of space activities, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, March 21, hearing on ESEA Reauthorization: Options for Improving NCLB's Measures of Progress, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 22, hearing on the BP-Texas City Disaster and Worker Safety, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness, hearing on The Higher Education Act: Approaches to College Preparation, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing on Impact of NCLB on English Language Learners, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing on Climate Change: Perspectives of Utility CEOs, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment of the Committee on Science and Technology, joint hearing entitled "Perspectives on Climate Change," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on The Adequacy of FDA Efforts To Assure the Safety of the Drug Supply, Part II, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 20, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, hearing on H.R. 180, Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 23, full Committee, hearing on the Role of Public Investment in Promoting Economic Growth, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 20, hearing on Proposed Legislation on Iraq, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on Welcome to America?, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on the Global Threat of Drug-Resistant TB: A Call to Action for World TB Day, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Pakistan, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 22, full Committee, hearing on Foreign Policy and National Security Implications of Oil Dependence, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on Prospects for Peace in Guinea, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on Polling Data on European Opinion of American Policies, Values and People, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 20, hearing entitled "Organizational and Policy Proposals for the Fiscal Year 2008 Department of Homeland Security Authorization: Positioning US-VISIT for Success and Establishing

a Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Process," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 20, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, to continue hearings entitled "Crossing the Border: Immigrants in Detention and Victims of Trafficking," 3 p.m., 311 Cannon.

March 21, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "Countering the Nuclear Threat to the Homeland: Evaluating the Deployment of Radiation Detection Technologies," 2 p.m., 1539 Longworth.

March 21, full Committee, hearing entitled "Securing LNG Tankers To Protect the Homeland," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 22, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Over-classification and Pseudo-classification: The Impact on Information Sharing," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 23, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection and the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, Science and Technology, joint hearing entitled "Foreign Ownership: Impact on Data Controls and Critical Infrastructure," 10 a.m., room to be announced.

Committee on House Administration, March 20, Subcommittee on Elections, to continue hearings on Election Reform: Auditing Federal Elections, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 20, hearing on the Inspector General's Independent Report on the FBI's Use of National Security Letters, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the Second Chance Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing on Changing Tides: Exploring the Current State of Civil Rights Enforcement Within the Department of Justice and an oversight hearing on the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on Reforming Section 115 of the Copyright Act for the Digital Age, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, March 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the effect of global climate change on public lands and resources as a result of federal energy policies and actions, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 22, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 900, Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2007; and H.R. 1230, Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 20, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, oversight hearing on Yellowstone National Park Bison, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, March 19, hearing on Allegations of Political Interference with Government Climate Change Science, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 20, full Committee, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Federal Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2006: Fiscal Outlook, Management Weaknesses and Consequences, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Foreclosure, Predatory Mortgage and Payday Lending in America's Cities, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Policy, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing on H.R. 1124, To extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, March 19, to consider H.R. 1227, Gulf Coast Hurricane Recovery Act of 2007, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, March 20, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on National Science Foundation Reauthorization, Part I, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on FAA's Research and Development Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2008, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on NOAA Fiscal Year 2008 Budget, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 21, Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology, hearing on Federal Government Efforts in Contracting with Women-Owned Businesses, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 20, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Motorcoach Safety, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Federal Aviation Administration's Financing Proposal, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on A Review of Federal Aviation Administration Operational and Safety Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, March 22, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Education Benefits for National Guard and Reserve members, 2 p.m., 349 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 20, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on IRS operations, the 2007 tax return filing season, and the tax gap, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 20, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on negotiations to complete a free trade agreement between South Korea and the U.S., 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 21, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Medicare Advantage Program, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 22, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on the Alternative Minimum Tax, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee Income Security and Family Support, hearing on assistance for elderly and disabled refugees, 12:30 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.